

ENERGY STREAMLINING TASK FORCE PROJECT SUMMARY

Name: Vector Natural Gas Pipeline Project

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Entity Proposing Project: Embridge, Inc. (lead); DTE Energy; Westcoast Energy Inc. (comments submitted by Interstate Natural Gas Association of America)

Category of Project: Pipeline

Brief description of project: 42-inch diameter, 348-mile project; FERC initiated third-party EIS contractor program for the project in order to maintain market driven schedule

Agencies that must be consulted and agencies from which approval is needed:

Federal: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission – lead agency; issues Presidential Permit
State Department (International Boundary Commission) – issues border-crossing permit

Other – U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; Army Corps of Engineers; Environmental Protection Agency; Department of Agriculture (National Resource Conservation Service); National Park Service; U.S. Coast Guard

State: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; Illinois Departments of: Natural Resources, Environmental Management, Natural Resources; Michigan Departments of: Environmental Quality, Natural Resources; State Historic Preservation Offices & State Departments of Transportation

Local: 355 road crossing permits; 146 separate local, township or county permits (e.g., zoning variances)

Int'l: National Energy Board of Canada – lead for 15-mile segment in Ontario

Project Timeline:

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity filed with FERC; application for Presidential Permit filed – December 15, 1997

Public comment notice – January 1998

Public “scoping” meetings (4) – February 9-12, 1998

Notice of availability of Draft EIS – September 1998

Public meetings (4) – October 5-6, 1998

Preliminary Determination on non-environmental issues filed – October 19, 1998

Notice of availability of Final EIS – April 2, 1999

FERC issued Certificate – May 29, 1999

Presidential Permit issued – October 19, 1998

FERC issued order amending Certificate – November 26, 1999

Construction on advance portions of pipeline began – December 1999

Majority of construction – May – November 2000

Began operations – December 1, 2000